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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE PETROLEUM EXPLORATION NEAR FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. GOA HAS ISSUED DECREE BORADENING CONTINENTAL SHELF AREA ASSIGNED FOR EXPLORATION PURPOSES TO STATE PETROLEUM COMPANY YPF TO INCLUDE REGION CLOSE TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS). THE ACTION WAS JUSTIFIED AS BEING CONSISTENT WITH A) STATED OBJECTIVES TO INCREASE NATIONAL HYDROCARBON PRODUCTION AND B) THE CLINCHING (AFIANZAR) OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY IN THIS REGION.

2. COMMENT. THIS ACTION IS NOT TOO SURPRISING CONSIDERING ARGENTINA'S WELL ORCHESTRATED CLAIM TO THE FALKLANDS AND ITS 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIM. IT SERVES TO COUNTER RECENT REPORTS OF BRITISH PETROLEUM EXPLORATION INTEREST NEAR THE FALKLANDS. IT DOES NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY ANY REAL INTENTION ON THE PART OF YPF TO DO ANY DRILLING NEAR THE FALKLANDS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. FYI. WHILE PROBABLY NOT RELATED TO THE ABOVE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ARGENTINE NAVY IS ABOUT TO STATION ONE OF ITS OFFICERS

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